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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1464

**Introduced by Assembly Member Smyth
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Chesbro)**

February 27, 2009

An act to add Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 889) to Chapter 8 of Division 1 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1464, as amended, Smyth. Transportation: California Bicycle Routes of State or Regional Significance Act.

Existing law requires the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with county and city governments, to establish minimum safety design criteria for the planning and construction of bikeways and roadways where bicycle travel is permitted.

This bill would enact the California Bicycle Routes of State or Regional Significance Act, which would authorize the department; ~~through its statewide bicycle planning process~~, to establish a process for identifying and promoting bicycle routes of ~~state~~ *national, state*, or regional significance, as specified. The bill would authorize the department to form an advisory committee to help implement the process for identifying and promoting these bicycle routes. The bill would authorize the department to establish a process for *organizations, including, but not limited to*, local bicycle organizations, private entities,

or local government or state governmental entities to nominate a route for inclusion in the system of bicycle routes of *national*, state, or regional significance. The bill would authorize the department to install bicycle route signs identifying these bicycle routes, as specified. The bill would ~~require~~ *provide that* applicants or nominating entities ~~to~~ *may* pay the cost for bicycle route signs, *as determined by the department*.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:
- 3 (a) Bicycle-related transactions resulted in nearly ~~\$1~~ \$1.5 billion
4 in sales in California last year, creating and sustaining jobs and
5 generating tax revenues to support state and local economies.
- 6 (b) Cycling not only results in economic benefits to the state
7 but health benefits to cyclists as well, providing California residents
8 with a low-impact alternative to other fitness and recreational
9 pursuits.
- 10 (c) Cycling can play an important part in helping California
11 meet its carbon reduction goals.
- 12 (d) Cycling tourism is a growing industry and California's mild
13 weather and diversity of topography and landscape, including the
14 wine country, the coast, the inland valleys, and the Sierra Nevada,
15 provide California with unique attributes that can attract a large
16 share of this tourism industry.
- 17 (e) Many states have already invested considerable resources
18 to attract cycling tourism and Californians have demonstrated their
19 interest in cycling as an estimated 2 million spectators attended
20 the ~~Amgen~~ Tour of California, placing it as the most attended
21 spectator event in California on record and demonstrating the
22 interest of Californians in increased cycling opportunities.
- 23 (f) *In October 2008, the American Association of State Highway*
24 *and Transportation Officials approved a plan to create a National*
25 *Corridor Plan, which seeks to identify corridors connecting*
26 *America's urban, suburban, and rural landscapes covering over*
27 *50,000 miles.*
- 28 (f)

1 (g) Given the state's current fiscal condition, the cycling
2 community does not envision a substantial infusion of state
3 resources into cycling. Therefore, the cycling community is looking
4 to partner with the state to identify ways in which to spur economic
5 activity through this growing trend in cycling.

6 SEC. 2. Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 889) is added
7 to Chapter 8 of Division 1 of the Streets and Highways Code, to
8 read:

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10 Article 2.5. California Bicycle Routes of State or Regional
11 Significance
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13 889. This article shall be known and may be cited as the
14 California Bicycle Routes of State or Regional Significance Act.

15 889.1. (a) The department may, ~~through its statewide bicycle~~
16 ~~planning process~~, establish a process for identifying and promoting
17 bicycle routes of ~~state~~ *national, state, or regional* significance that
18 meet specified criteria.

19 (b) In designating routes, the department may consider the
20 following:

- 21 (1) Historic routes.
22 (2) Established training routes or ~~race~~ *other designated* routes,
23 including legs of the ~~Amgen~~ Tour of California.

24 (3) Routes of unique scenic significance.

25 (c) In identifying bicycle routes of ~~state~~ *national, state, or*
26 *regional* significance, the department may work with the California
27 Travel and Tourism Commission, the Department of Parks and
28 Recreation, federal agencies that operate and maintain roadways
29 for public use, statewide trade organizations, including the
30 California Chamber of Commerce and the California Bicycle
31 Coalition, local tourism entities, chambers of commerce, and local
32 bicycle organizations.

33 (d) The department may form an advisory committee to help
34 implement the provisions of this section. The department may
35 establish a process whereby *organizations, including, but not*
36 *limited to*, local bicycle organizations, private entities, or local
37 ~~government~~ *or state governmental* entities may nominate a route
38 for inclusion in the system of bicycle routes of ~~state~~ *national, state,*
39 *or regional* significance.

1 (e) The department may develop criteria for the design,
2 placement, and installation of signs relative to bicycle routes of
3 ~~state~~ *national, state, or regional* significance.

4 (f) It is the intent of the Legislature that city or county
5 participation in establishing local routes of significance under this
6 article shall be voluntary, similar to the State Scenic Highway
7 Program.

8 889.2. (a) The department may install bicycle route signs,
9 identifying bicycle routes of ~~state~~ *national, state, or regional*
10 significance, that are associated only with the state highway system,
11 which includes state highways, United States highways, and
12 interstate freeways, and state-financed public transportation
13 systems. The physical placement of bicycle route signs on all other
14 roads and transit systems shall be left to the appropriate local
15 jurisdiction. However, when requested by a city or county and
16 reimbursed, the department shall place bicycle route signs on the
17 state highway system and state-financed public transportation
18 systems that direct traffic to bicycle routes on city or county roads.

19 (b) Bicycle route signs shall meet the standards and
20 specifications established pursuant to Section 21400 of the Vehicle
21 ~~Code but shall not be classified as traffic control devices. Code.~~

22 (c) The cost to purchase, erect, and maintain bicycle route signs
23 ~~shall may~~ be paid by applicants or nominating entities, *as*
24 *determined by the department.* These costs ~~shall may~~ be reimbursed
25 to the department at their actual cost, including administrative
26 expenses. ~~If a bicycle route sign becomes damaged, vandalized,~~
27 ~~or is missing, the department shall not be required to replace the~~
28 ~~sign without compensation from an applicant or nominating entity.~~